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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

December 11, 2019

Mr. Ken McQueen
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 (ARPM)
Dallas, TX 75270-2102

Re: 2017 and 2018 Particulate Matter (PM) Exceptional Event Demonstration Package for the Socorro Hueco Monitoring Site

Dear Mr. McQueen:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is proposing exceptional event flags for the following two measurements of particulate matter of 10 microns or less in diameter (PM₁₀) collected at the Socorro Hueco monitoring site in the El Paso area:

Date	Type of Event	AQS Flag	Exceedance Concentration
04/25/2017	High Wind	RJ	188 µg/m ³
05/02/2018	High Wind	RJ	158 µg/m ³

We have presented detailed evidence in the enclosed El Paso PM₁₀ Exceptional Events Demonstration document that these measurements qualify as exceptional events. This demonstration document was posted on the TCEQ web site for a 30-day public review period from October 10 through November 11, during which time one comment was received. Copies of the email announcement and web page posting for the 30-day public review and the comment with TCEQ's response are provided in the enclosed Public Comments Addendum.

If you need any additional information, please contact Richard C. Chism, Director of the Monitoring Division, at (512) 239-0539.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toby Baker".

Toby Baker
Executive Director

Enclosures